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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress
Twenty-Third District, Florida

February 1, 2014

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations Nova Southeastern University (NSU) on your 50th anniversary! As a former member of the NSU family, I am extremely proud of the incredible contributions you have made to South Florida and significant impact you have in our community year after year.

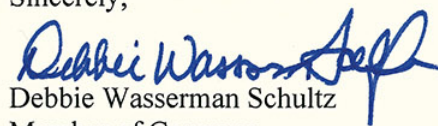
In the early 1960s, a group of South Floridians gathered regularly to discuss the nation's education needs. Known as the Oatmeal Club, their visionary ideas resulted in the creation of Nova University of Advanced Technology, a graduate institution in downtown Fort Lauderdale dedicated to the study of physical and social sciences.

Although many thought the Oatmeal Club's creation was overly ambitious and were skeptical of its future, NSU exponentially grew by leaps and bounds. Fifty years later, NSU is now the ninth largest not-for-profit, independent university in the United States, with regional campuses throughout Florida, the Bahamas, and Puerto Rico.

As the Member of Congress representing Florida's 23rd District, I know firsthand the important role NSU plays throughout South Florida. Whether it's providing innovative approaches to educating NSU's 27,000 diverse student population, conducting cutting-edge research on South Florida's vital coral reef ecosystems, or hosting community events that provide free health services for children and families, NSU is helping lead the way to a more vibrant South Florida, prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.

Today's celebration heralds 50 years of turning students into leaders and I have no doubt that NSU will remain a vital part of the fabric of South Florida for generations to come. Again, congratulations on your golden anniversary and best wishes for the future of NSU!

Sincerely,


Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress